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40 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS Bonifacio High Street at Bonifacio Global City in Taguig City is glowing with all the colors and joys cascading from the country's most beloved feast. So endlessly loved is Christmas that we—kids from nine to 91—start the countdown in September, straight through Christmas Day itself and beyond.

De la Paz takes the fall

He clears superiors, says only he's to blame for euro mess

By Kristine L. Alave and Christine O. Avendaño

ELISEO DE LA PAZ YESTERDAY DECLARED HE WAS THE only one to blame for the Moscow fund mess and that he was willing to go to prison for his mistake.

But senators were not convinced, and repeatedly said he was being made a "scapegoat" to shield other police officials from the fallout of the scandal.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, the chair of the foreign affairs committee that is looking into the fund mess along with the blue ribbon committee, said she felt "sorry" for De la Paz, who she described as caught "between the devil and a hard rock."

According to Santiago, the retired comptroller of the Philippine National Police has willingly taken on the role of "scapegoat" for an issue that could bag him a 20-year prison term. She said his admission was part of a cover-up of a larger controversy involving PNP funds.

Senators are looking into the possi-

DE LA PAZ/A18

PNP delegation admits headed for European swing after Moscow

By Michael Lim Ubac

THEN NEWLY RETIRED PHILIPPINE National Police comptroller Eliseo de la Paz, along with three others including the wife of PNP Director General Jesus Verzosa, were en route to a "side trip" to European cities when they were found carrying huge amounts of cash by Russian customs authorities on Oct. 11.

Testifying yesterday before the Senate foreign relations and blue ribbon committees, De la Paz admitted that Cynthia Verzosa, Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, himself and his wife Maria Fe were booked for the side trip after attending the 77th Interpol General Assembly in St. Petersburg along with other members of a PNP delegation.

"From Moscow we were supposed to proceed to Warsaw, Poland. It was a side trip from the Interpol convention. [From Warsaw] we would go to Prague and Budapest, then Vienna," said De la Paz, under questioning by Sen. Loren Legarda.

But he said it was to buy "intelligence equipment," and not to see the sights.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, the chair of the foreign relations committee, said the P6.9 million could have come from a "secret fund" in the PNP from which the generals could draw travel allowances and even cash to be laundered abroad. (See story on Page A19.)

PNP DELEGATION/A11



THE PHILIPPINE STORY IN BRUNEI Handcrafted native scenes and paintings throughout the official residence of Ambassador Virginia Benavidez showcase the history, hospitality, the creativity and charm of the Filipinos.

Abus free humanitarian worker; ransom paid

By Julie S. Alipala
in Zamboanga City
and Ma. Ceres P. Doyo
in Manila

HUMANITARIAN AID WORKER Merlie "Millet" Mendoza was wearing a garment that covered all but her eyes when she was freed by her kidnappers in Albarka, Basilan, on Friday night.

Perhaps the reason served to hide her hair, which, she cheerily told Inquirer Mindanao on the phone shortly after her release, had not been combed for nearly two months.

Yesterday in Zamboanga City, Mendoza was wearing a T-shirt and a bandana when she spoke with the Inquirer. She said she was happy to be free and that she did not want too much attention.

"I want to rest first and I need to gather all my thoughts before facing everyone," she said in an apologetic tone after being told that other journalists were waiting to meet her.

No one, not even members of her family, could say for certain why Mendoza was finally released.

But Hadji Hasan Lanla, chair of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front's Isabela City Committee which had worked to get Mendoza freed, told the Inquirer a few days ago that they had handed money to her abductors.

"Somebody gave us P1 million for Millet's liberty. Probably the money came from the government," Lanla said.

Along with five other people, including her colleague Esperanzita Hupida, Mendoza was abducted on Sept. 15 near Isabela City in Basilan by suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf.

Four of her companions man-

ABUS A8

OFWs, royals feast on RP envoy's 'kitchen diplomacy'

By Lynett A. Villariba

"ANG BAHAY" IS WHAT AMBASSADOR Virginia Hornedo-Benavidez calls her official residence in Brunei because it showcases Filipino artistry and creativity in every room—especially in the kitchen.

Her success can be attributed to kitchen diplomacy, opening up her house and her kitchen to OFWs and high officials.

Ang Bahay has gained acclaim among Bruneians, Filipinos and foreigners as a welcoming place where multicultural guests can sample Filipino culture and hospitality.

In her own way, Benavidez, the first Filipino woman ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, may have accomplished what her male predecessors had not.

She has not only watched over the well-being of 20,000 overseas Filipino workers

OFWS A8

Oops! Con man picks the wrong victim

By Dona Pazzibugan



A MALE MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRIED to con a motorist into thinking the latter had run over the former's foot. Unfortunately, the biker had unwittingly chosen for his victim—a specialist on bone injuries.

Dr. Albert Uy, an orthopedic surgeon, said he was driving along Adriatico Street on his way to his clinic in Manila during the afternoon of Nov. 13 when a motorcycle rider suddenly signaled him to stop.

Uy said he stepped out of his car and

OOPS/CON A8

German by birth, Pinoy by choice, Mangyan by vocation

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

AS A HELICOPTER WHIRRS ABOUT IN THE sky above a school in a Mindoro town, pupils rush to the windows or dash out of the classroom to catch a glimpse of it.

The teacher, cut off in mid-lecture, yells angrily: "Don't be stupid like the Mangyans! Go back to your seats!"

Anecdotes like this about the Mangyan, the indigenous people of Mindoro who inhabit the island's forest interior, upset Catholic priest Fr. Ewald Dinter.

"Poverty and hunger are themselves painful. But if a Mangyan gets treated as a non-person, that is utmost poverty," says Dinter who has lived with the Mangyans for

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UN adopts RP interfaith proposal

Resolution introduced by GMA to promote world religious, cultural dialogue

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS unanimously adopted a Philippine-initiated resolution calling on member-states to take steps to further promote inter-religious and intercultural dialogue, tolerance and understanding.

In his report to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Hilario Davide, Philippine permanent representative to the United Nations in New York, said the adoption of the resolution capped the two-day UN meeting on interfaith cooperation for peace last week.

The resolution entitled "Promotion of Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for Peace," tabled by the Philippines and Pakistan, was adopted by the General Assembly at the end of its plenary meeting.

Davide said the resolution was personally introduced by President Macapagal-Arroyo when the plenary session opened on Wednesday under Agenda Item 45: A Culture of Peace.

Participants included many world leaders, among them, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, King Abdullah II of Jordan, United States President George W. Bush, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Israeli President Shimon Peres.

At least 75 other member-states, including China, Japan and Russia, co-sponsored the resolution, up from the 58 that co-sponsored the resolution last year and the 24 that co-sponsored the original resolution in 2004.

Fifth try

It was the fifth resolution tabled by the Philippines and adopted by consensus by the General Assembly since 2004. "The 2008 resolution is specially significant because it formally took note for the first time of the four major interfaith initiatives of the Philippines, outside the ambit of the United Nations," Davide said.

He was referring to the ministerial meeting on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and the Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace at the international level, and the Asia-Europe Interfaith Dialogue Forum and the Asia-Pacific Interfaith Dialogue for Peace and Harmony at the regional level.

"The resolution plants the seed for the eventual declaration of a United Nations Decade on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace from 2011 to 2020," Davide said. "It also encourages member-states to consider the idea of an enhanced process of dialogue among world religions."

Ambassador Leslie Gatan, Philippine deputy permanent representative, said these new elements "were obtained after hard fought negotiations steered by diplomats at the Philippine Mission."

"The Philippine interfaith initiative was initially sponsored only by developing countries," Gatan said, adding that it took five years for other countries such as China, Japan and Russia to join its group of supporters.

The Philippines first drew the attention of the world body to issues concerning the role of the religion in secular affairs when it introduced the resolution in 2004.

Important dimensions

The resolution affirms that mutual understanding and inter-religious dialogue constitute important dimensions of the culture of peace. It lauds the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion as integral to building tolerant societies and durable peace.

It also reaffirms the solemn commitment of the United Nations to promote universal respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms in line with the United Nations Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The resolution likewise encourages the promotion of dialogue among media from all cultures. It calls on member-states to consider initiatives that identify practical actions in all levels of society for promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue, tolerance and understanding.

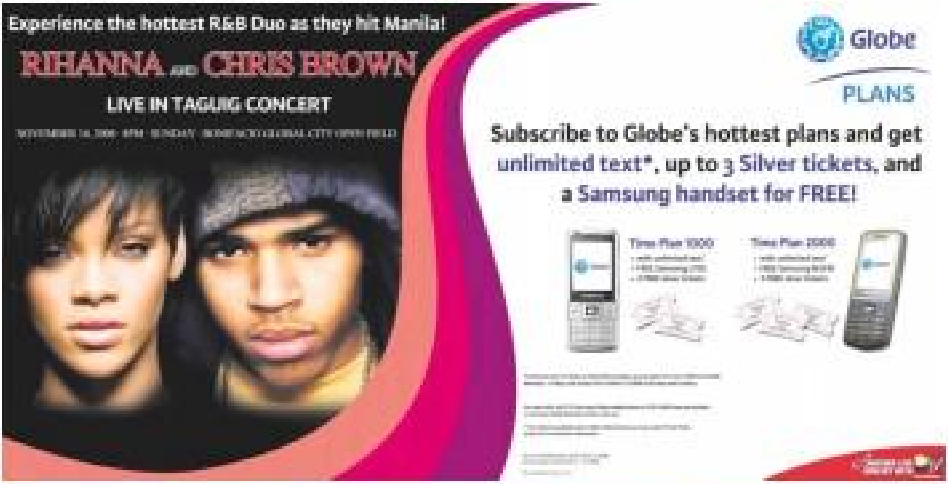
It mandates preparations for the 2010 International Year for Rapprochement of Cultures with its interfaith dialogue at its core, under the leadership of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

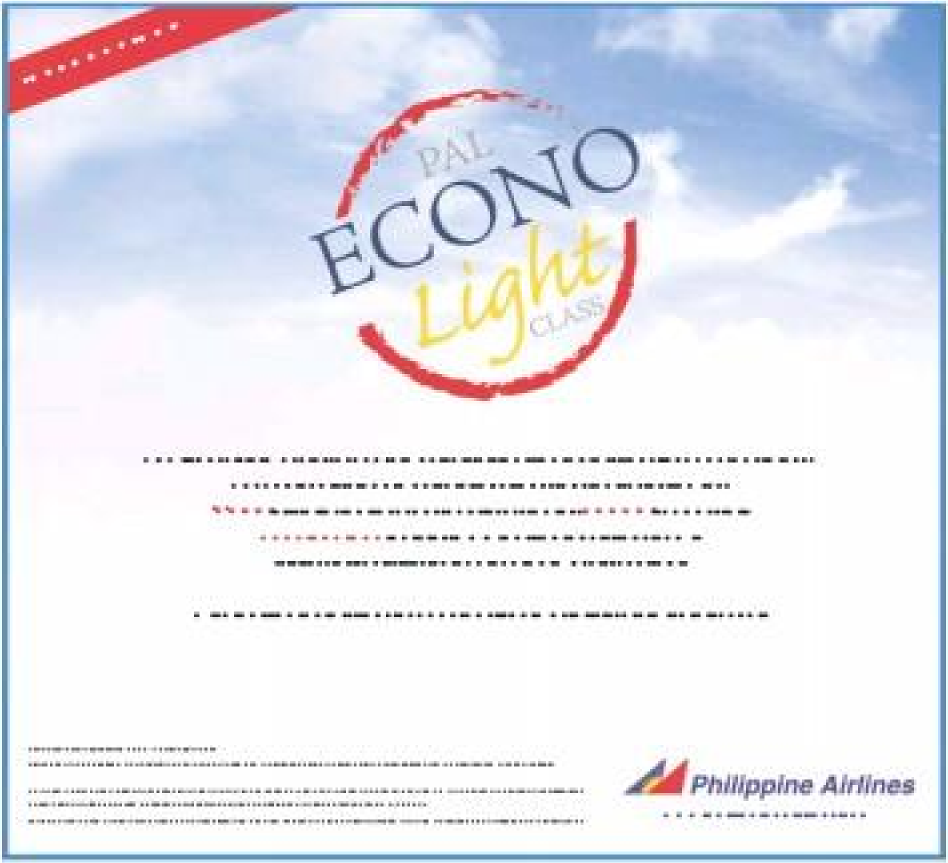
Co-sponsors

The co-sponsors of this year's resolution were Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Russia, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yemen, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Brazil, Egypt, Ethiopia, Grenada, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Macedonia, Peru, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Mali, Paraguay, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania.

'Tonyo' leaves but Palawan to get wet







Recto sees slower Q3 due to world economic crisis

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Only 1/3 of cheap NFA rice went to poor—WB

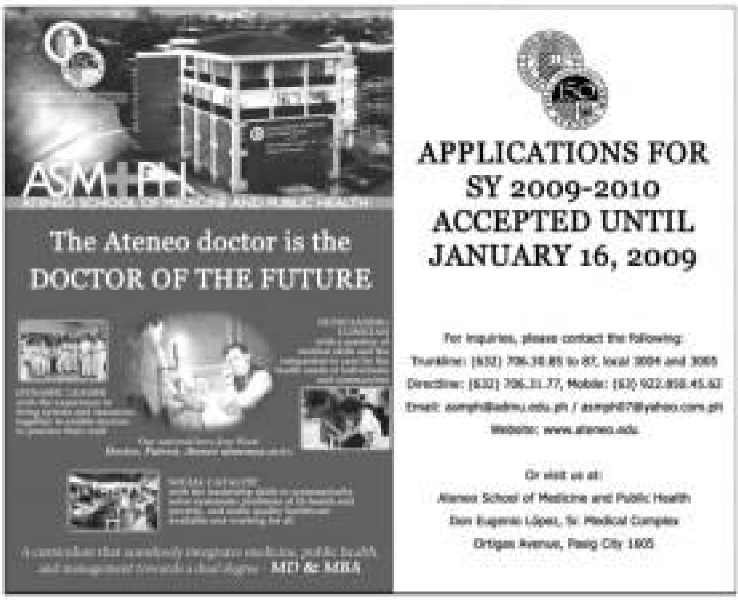
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Direct gov't role favored

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Plans compromised

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Ban on workers to Iraq remains

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ARMM gov sets peace talks at lower level

Suspected Abu leader killed

Singapore offers scholarships

Abus free humanitarian worker; ransom paid



Quirino recalled

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A gentle people

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Importance of respect

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Small victory

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Miriam bares PNP fund scam for retiring officers

Funds not used for new recruits

Slush fund

Patrons

P623M unaccounted for



BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND A HARD ROCK

PNP supplier says some of seized money was his

Ties to PNP



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Allowed to go home

The only legacy

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On his instructions

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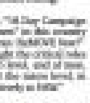
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Yasser Abed Rabbo

The two-year rape of Raymond Manalo

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista



TALK of the TOWN

Anarchy on Philippine roads

Fast facts

11,532

2,816

1,224

718

613

170

1,697

866

12

62%



Who's accountable for Toto Sarabia's death?

Avenues of death

Maniacs on buses

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Across the NATION

Comelec sets polls to divide Quezon



START OF DAY

A fisherman sets out to sea from the Talgon Port in Caramoan, Camarines Sur. While the rest of Caramoan is known for powdery white beaches, the seaport village of Talgon is known for its rich fishing grounds.

LUCENA CITY—THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS has officially set on Dec. 13 the plebiscite to ratify the creation of Quezon del Sur to be taken from the present province of Quezon and the renaming of the other half into Quezon del Norte.

This is contained in Comelec Resolution No. [illegible] dated Nov. 13 signed by Comelec Chair Jose Melo and Commissioners Rene Sarmiento, Nicodemo Ferrer, Leonardo Leonida, Lucenito Tagle and Armando Velasco.

The poll body urged nongovernment, civic, religious, professional, youth and similar organizations to hold symposia, forums and meetings during the campaign period scheduled on Nov. 19 to Dec. 11 to enlighten the voters on the plebiscite issue.

It said local election officials, in coordination with local government units and village councils, should convene assemblies or "pulong-pulong" for constructive discussions and debates.

Bishop's lament

It said that at least 10 days before the holding of the plebiscite, its local offices will also post copies of Republic Act No. 9495 creating Quezon del Sur in all polling places to guide the voters.

With the official campaign period still to start, outspoken Lucena Diocese Bishop Emilio Marquez discussed his stance on his [illegible] support for the proposed division of Quezon province into two separate political units.

"I'm also a Filipino. I have the same rights of every citizen to participate in this issue (division of Quezon province)," Marquez said in his homily at the Saint Ferdinand Cathedral last Sunday.

He reacted to criticisms from anti-Quezon split groups arguing that the religious leader should not meddle in the [illegible] issue in the province based on the doctrine of the separation of Church and State.

Marquez has been vocal in his call on the faithful through his homilies to support the division of the province.

Lucena capital

Under RA 9495, the 17 towns in the first and second districts of the province will be known as Quezon del Norte and Lucena City will remain as capital.

Quezon del Sur will be composed of 22 towns in the third and fourth districts with [illegible] town as the capital.

Last week, even not invited, Marquez showed up at the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP), whose majority members are anti-Quezon split, and made a fervent appeal to provincial officials to allow the creation of two separate provinces for the sake of the poor people of the Bondoc Peninsula and Lucena Bay areas.

"It's about time to give the people of the 3rd (Bondoc Peninsula) and 4th (Lamon Bay) districts the chance to stand on their own and develop themselves. I asked for your understanding," Marquez said in his speech before the SP members.

He pointed out that the cities of Lucena and Tayabas and the towns of Sariaya, Candelaria and Tiaong have all been experiencing progress and development. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*

GMA aide pushes DOH, DPWH transfer to Samar

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—THE PRESIDENTIAL adviser on new government centers said he has sought the transfer of the national offices of two major government departments in Eastern Visayas.

Victor Domingo, Presidential Adviser on New Government Centers, revealed that he has proposed the relocation of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Based on Domingo's proposal, the DOH central office would be transferred to Catarman, Northern Samar, while that of the DPWH would be moved to Calbayog or Catbalogan cities, both in Samar.

Domingo, former presidential assistant for Eastern Visayas, said officials from Northern Samar have been preparing for the possible transfer of the DOH to their province.

"Governor (Raul) Daza has already created a committee that would look into this matter," he said.

With the possible transfer of the DOH to Catarman, the department could not only directly serve the people of the region but also that of Bicol region, Domingo said.

A port in Allen town, Northern Samar, serves as the gateway to Bicol and the rest of Luzon.

The transfer of the DOH would result in immediate attention to the medical needs of the people, especially those who are living in remote and rural areas on Samar Island.

The relocation of the DPWH in the region would also hasten the implementation of infrastructure projects like roads, bridges and farm-to-market roads that could boost the economic condition of Eastern Visayas, one of the depressed regions in the country, Domingo explained.

"I am working on the early relocation of these two (major) departments, probably by next year," the secretary said on Wednesday.

Several municipalities in the region, especially in Samar Island, do not have access to doctors. The lack of roads was one the reasons cited for the island's extreme poverty.

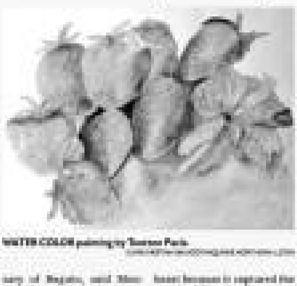
Domingo said the local governments in the area where the national agencies would be transferred would have to find the property where the central office would be built.

Watercolorists try to capture Baguio memories in paintings

By Desiree Caluza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—BURSTS OF color, scent and sight paint every visitor's memory of the summer capital.

The Baguio Aquarelle Society (BAS), a group of area watercolorists, wants to capture the memory of luscious red strawberries, the scent of pine, biking around Burnham Lake, strolls on the trails of Camp John Hay and worshipping at the Baguio Cathedral through the exhibit "Bagolong Baguio" which has been extended to Nov. 14.



WATER COLOR painting by Tauren Paris

"The paintings are nostalgic of the Baguio that we knew. Our fond childhood memories of the place make us cure again about this city which is now highly urbanized. We hope that our exhibit will make people care about Baguio again," Ruben Mondalvido, BAS president, said of the exhibit at the Mansion at Camp John Hay here.

The exhibit, which features nine artists, is a first for the newly formed group. It opened in September as the group's contribution to the 100th founding anniversary of Baguio, said Mondalvido.

The works of Mondalvido, Roland Bayan, Jennifer Bautista Carlito, Romeo Chen, Marc-Antoni Dulumno, Rabeth Lobarga, Tauren Paris, Fidel and Fabiah are featured.

The paintings feature landmarks such as the cathedral, Session Road, Burnham Park and the old stone market and the city's rolling hills, pine forests, fruits and sunflowers.

"When I looked at all the paintings, it hit me in the heart because it captured the mood of Baguio. For me, a painting is successful if it evokes feelings," said Mondalvido. "For those who grew up here and for those who did not grow up here but learned to love the place, these paintings are the next best thing."

HOMETOWN Snapshots

'When I looked at all the paintings, it hit me in the heart'

Benguet elders say mining firm divides community

BAGUIO CITY—A GROUP OF community leaders in Bakun, Benguet, said a mining firm had divided local elders after some of them approved the firm's mining exploration in the town.

The group said representatives of the Royalco Philippines Inc. convinced another group of elders who were not recognized by local villages to issue a free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

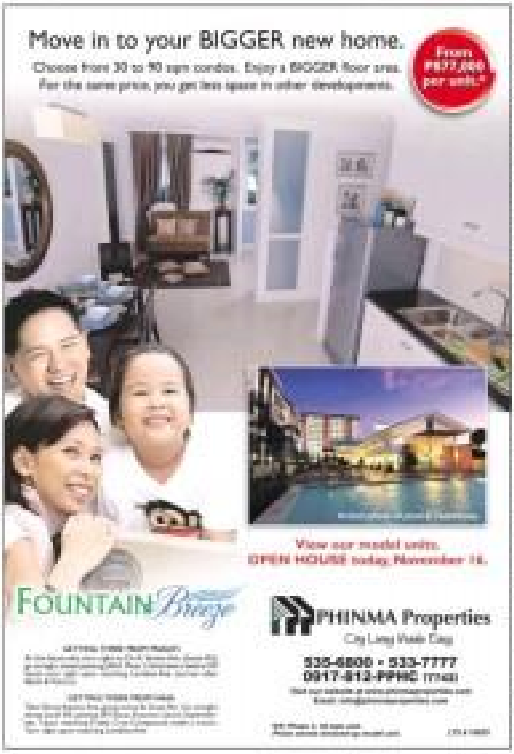
The issuance of a FPIC is a requirement under the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act before a mining exploration is conducted in an area occupied by indigenous communities.

Beverly Malbessa, a member of the Benguet Mining Alert and Action Network, said the elders, who were consulted by Royalco and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, were chosen by some residents who agreed to the exploration.

"Not all members of the community agreed to the exploration. Worse, the original recognized elders were displaced when another group of elders was elected by some members of the community who [illegible] the entry of Royalco. We noticed that a process was followed in securing the FPIC," Malbessa, a Bakun elder, said.

He said some residents have questioned the right of Royalco to explore the area amid the opposition from the community.

Royalco has applied for permits to explore 3,000 hectares in the town. *Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon*



Garcia backers hold ground vs suspension



SUPPORTERS of Garcia prepare for a long battle against the suspension.

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INQUIRER Mindanao

Rebellion's many reasons in the eyes of the young



WHY HAS REBELLION IN the country become a continuous headache of the government—with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the New People's Army showing no flinching signs as they advance their versions of revolution no matter what—despite the aggressive campaign against them?

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Hope

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Real losers

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Greater gains

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Who is winning?

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'The tree of liberty must often be refreshed by the blood of tyrants and patriots, civilians included'



A SOLDIER secures a village in Buldon, Sharif Kabunsuan, Nov. 7 against possible Moro rebel attacks. [illegible]

News

Christmas comes to Read-Along



BROADCASTER and author Tintin Bersola reads her latest story on Christmas to the children at the INQUIRER Read-Along.

By Schatzi Quodala
Inquirer Research

CHRISTMAS WAS CELEBRATED EARLY AT YESTERDAY'S Inquirer Read-Along with the pre-launch of a story by broadcaster and children's book author Christine "Tintin" Bersola-Babao.

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Real essence of Christmas

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Learning to love reading

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Children's wishes

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Award of excellence

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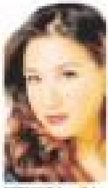
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CLASSICS ON CAMPUS

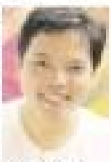
UP artists keep the music playing



THE UP Singing Ambassadors











GLOBAL Pinoy

17-year-old 'sold,' battered in Jordan now so grateful to be home to heal





Rogue promises

Abuse in large proportions

The fall

Support from OFWs

Thanks to Villar

Overcoming reasons for denial of temporary visas

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Legal presumption

Desire vs. fixed intent

World leaders pledge action plan to ward off recession



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WorldBriefs

S. Lanka takes key town from Tigers after 15 years

Thais bid farewell to revered king's sister

Separate US shootings claim 5 lives

Factories shut in China; workers suffer

The WORLD

Obama seen favoring Clinton as top diplomat



AT 60, STILL WAITING FOR A THRONE

WASHINGTON—THE US CAPITAL ON SATURday was abuzz with speculation that US president-elect Barack Obama is weighing former Democratic primary rival Hillary Clinton to be a heavy-hitting secretary of state.

Deposed Thai PM Thaksin divorces wife, likely for legal or financial reasons



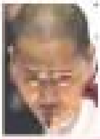
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Alaska trips SMB; Air21 scores



GARY David of Air21 challenges the defense of Coca-Cola center Asi Taulava during their game yesterday.

By Musong R. Castillo

ALASKA HAS NOW BEATEN THE SO-CALLED "team to beat" twice.

Despite an erratic finish, the Aces held on for a 91-85 victory over San Miguel at the Araneta Coliseum last night, their second over the Beermen in the KFC-PBA Philippine Cup.

The victory propelled Alaska to its fourth straight triumph and back on top of the heap with an 8-2 record.

Alaska scored just seven points in the final 7:32, but those proved to be enough to send the Beermen to their third loss in 10 games.

Willie Miller, who was also the key in an 80-84 win in the first round, capped a 20-point night with a free throw in the final 24 seconds that made it 89-85, before J.A. Tenorio put the icing on the cake with two free throws of his own as seconds later.

"It really feels good if you can beat a quality team like San Miguel," Alaska coach Tim Cone said.

Arwind Santos and Gary David combined for 47 points and three others scored in twin digits as Air21 used a hot fourth quarter to turn back Coca-Cola, 111-101, in the first game.

Santos fired 26 points, had seven rebounds and two blocks.

ALASKA /A24

San Sebastian eyes Shakey's V-League semifinal slot

Ababou, Wizards zap Sparks



Farewell, Atty. Butch

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

SPORTSWATCH

'Indestructible' gets going

Last call for UGBA derby series



Pangasinan hosts Criterium GP

BASEBALL

Cebu holds off Muntinlupa

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Gov't intervention vs Camacho?

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MacDonald, Samson lead TRS charge



MACDONALD (left) and Samson

Els, Dyson share Singapore Open lead

Pistons halt Lakers run



Nuggets trip Celtics; Suns score sans Nash

Guce's star, not Pacquiao's will shine for a while

COMMENTARY

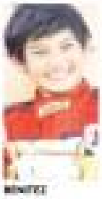
Indonesians set Holcim finals duel

Pineda forges Toby's gold double



La Salle leads varsity golf second season

Benitez bags 2nd junior karter plum

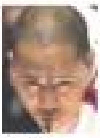




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Gallego snatches semis slot


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Laylo lifts RP past Armenians

Filipino women fall

PCCL hoops: Capitol U stuns San Carlos five

Alaska...

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Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Grow and develop entrepreneurs now

Young artist concocts next rage in ice cream

By Ian Jessica M. de Vera [illegible]

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THE FIRST branch at the Alabang Town Center





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Young ice cream lover

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First crack at business

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Breaking the ice

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The taste, not the name

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The rewards and pains

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Features in Brief

Le Souffle sets up meeting rooms

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Festival mall hosts trade fair

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Four friends tap unique vendors for bazaar

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Japanese food aimed at the young, hungry and restless

French Chamber holds wine fest

Plants build ...



Sunday Biz

Plants build houseware firm



AMONG THE MANY CHALlenges faced by a handicraft manufacturer are quality and supply of raw materials. When Rose [illegible] was approached by local producers from Aklan to champion the use and promotion of its indigenous materials for houseware, the self-professed serial entrepreneur had to give it considerable thought.

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Rose says:

Being an entrepreneur means being patient, diligent and hard-working

Always look for better ways to improve yourself and the business

As a Christian, pray for positive things to happen to your life

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Local weave

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Sunday LifeStyle

VICKY BELO WITH HAYDEN KHO

'My dream is to make the Philippines beautiful one person at a time'

PLAYTIME
By the Staff

TO MANY, DR. VICKY BELO IS the embodiment of the fulfilled woman: wealth and influence, career high, contented family relationships, easygoing social interactions, physical endowments—and exciting love life.

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'When Hayden and I broke up, I received messages from women who said: 'You can't break up. You're our hope, you showed that we can make it happen. That older women can. Do not disappoint us.' Parang nakaka-stress, 'di ba? Parang endorser for older women (Laughs)'



'My dream is to make the Philippines beautiful one person at a time'









Sunday LIFESTYLE



A CONSTELLATION of biomorphic stars lights up the gateway of Bonifacio Global City





INSTALLATIONS can be enjoyed from any vantage point at Bonifacio High Street.

Abstract Christmas in Bonifacio Global City

By MIRAGE C. ENRIQUEZ



THE PASSIONATE minds behind the Christmas installations: Damian Anna, Baby Imperial, Patricia Silva and Feliciano Saldaña

Not quite art

VEERING AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY (BGC) HAS come up with cool installations that border on environmental art or site specific art this season.

The holiday statement was conceived by B+C Design, the cutting-edge design studio. Its designers maintain that the Christmas installations are done in the spirit of fun. Instead of the conventional lanterns and sparkling evergreen trees, the installations are abstractions that emulate the symbols of Christmas such as the tree, the Christmas ball, the star and the angel's wing.

"Our approach to the work is that the installations capture the spirit of Bonifacio High Street (BHS) which is contemporary and progressive, and expand this to the city," says Parsons-trained managing and creative director Ma. Asuncion "Baby" Imperial. "When BGC Management tapped us to do the Christmas designs for the city, they gave us a direction that the designs should complement the creativeness and passion of the city," adds Imperial. The team includes her husband Damian Anna, also a creative director, and designers Patricia Silva and Feliciano Saldaña III.

Imperial worked in Paris in an advertising agency where she met her future husband. After nine years in France, the couple returned to the Philippines to set up B+C Design, which produces environmental graphics and visual materials for BGC and other prestigious firms, and has done award-winning designs for the Philippine pavilion at the World Expositions held in Spain and Japan.

but certainly not decor

As a city that prides itself as a haven for people who are passionate about their interests, the tinsel and conventional Christmas decor may seem dated and out of sync with BGC's cosmopolitan ambience. Like environmental art, these installations are ephemeral, created for a specific area and involve the collaboration between suppliers and the developer.

The team was inspired by proponents of biomorphic art such as the undulating forms of English sculptor Henry Moore, surrealist Jean Arp and his organic, sensual abstractions and New York-based Louise Bourgeois' fragile but playful sculptures. These artists took the environment into account while planning their works.

the installations at Bonifacio Global City

The installations start at the BGC's gateways. But most of them are found at Bonifacio High Street's (BHS) promenade, such as the interactive sculptures by environmental artist Fay Yuson and those by Consuelo Velasco and Ronald Achacoso. The artworks and creative concepts set up at the BHS aim to develop the public, particularly the youth, on how to appreciate design and its role in everyday life.

The curving, irregular forms of the Christmas installations were also born out of the sensitivity toward the location. Imperial notes that the installations were not meant to eclipse the existing sculptures, but rather to complement these works, such as the anthropomorphic daddy bear made of a light blue colored sheet of steel. From any corner of the park, you can get an interesting perspective of the organic Christmas shapes whose bold colors add zing.

enliven the outdoors

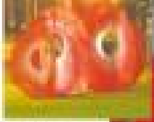
The designers' choice of materials reflects their understanding of the challenges of sustainability. The installations are fashioned from aluminum framework, and wrapped in abaca in vibrant red and yellow. This helps to raise the public's awareness of the value of recyclable materials. The shapes are perforated and combined to result in a variety of three-dimensional representations of Christmas symbols. As proof of the success of their works, people would actually be photographed by the installations while kids and pets stick their heads through the holes.

On the creative atmosphere of Bonifacio High Street, Yuson says that art may not be easily comprehensible to everyone, but people will always appreciate a well-planned space. "That is what we are providing for their (BGC) clients—a cohesive and balanced living environment that integrates art in the development of communities and business."

Complementing the installations are a creative slew of Christmas events such as the Heart2Art collaborative painting, a street ballet, the musical "Christmas Sparks," and Christmas Fusion, BGC's culminating activity that combines a choir, a soloist and an orchestra under the baton of Chino Toledo in an awesome holiday concert.









CHILDREN can interact with the three-dimensional freestanding Christmas shapes

Role-model healthy eating and physical activity. Have the entire family join Unicef's annual walkathon

How to help kids attain healthy weight

Roots and Wings



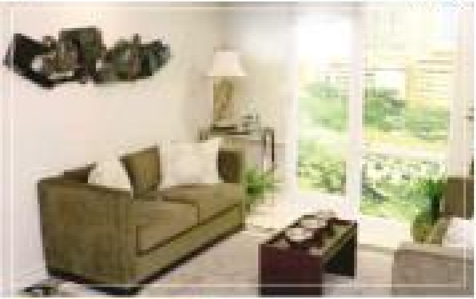
Cathy Babao-Guballa

ALARMING. THAT WORD keeps flashing in my brain as I was reading the latest American Heart Association (AHA) bulletin on the dangerous effects of childhood obesity.

Guidelines

HOW TO B4











A thing of beauty



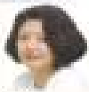


Home for the Holidays



Bored wife finds it hard to cut relationship with cyber-BF

EMILY'S POST



Emily A. Marcelo

UP sorority gives out awards





New AHA study on obesity on adolescents

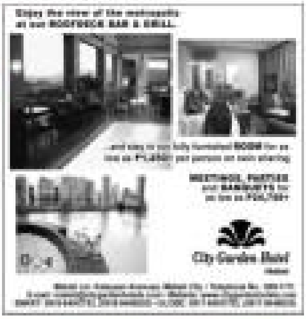
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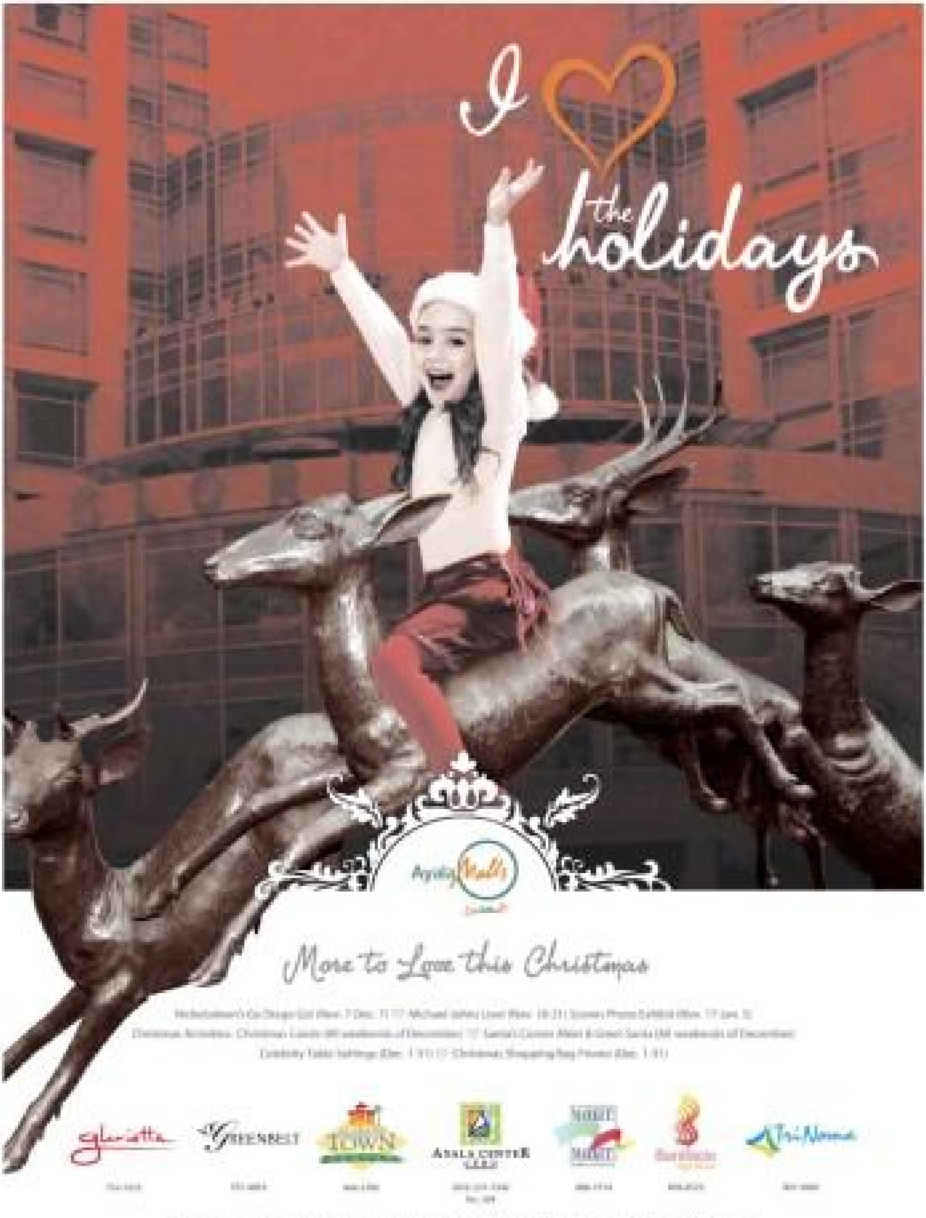


Here's my early feng-shui take on 2009

Strong earth energy is present and there is excellent balance of the five elements in the coming Year of the Ox, indicating recovery

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes





Milestones



SANTOS-JORGE

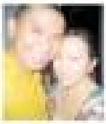
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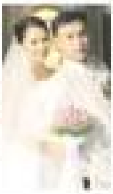


FIDELINO-RIVERA



JALANDONI-MANGIO





GARCIA-FAJUTAGANA



Congregacion celebrates 30th anniversary

Here's my early feng-shui take on 2009


"HAIRSPRAY" by Atlantic Productions













Dining discoveries

Feng-shui

'Hairspray'

Good luck, Dennis

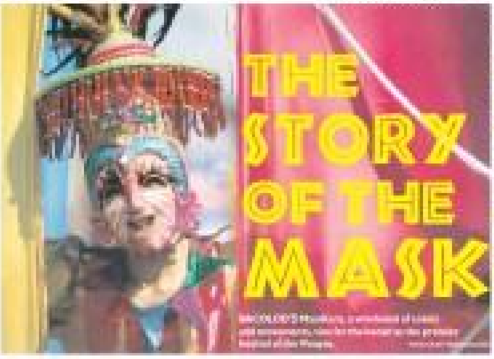




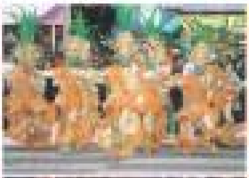








BACOLOD'S MassKara, a whirlwind of colors and movements, vies for the badge as the premier festival of the Visayas.











By Constantino C. Tejero

PERSONA, THE MASK USED in ancient Greek theater, was fixed into either a smile or a cry, the comic and the tragic.

It was this concept of the persona, which Jung saw as "the façade presented to satisfy the demands of the situation or the environment," that the organizers of Negros' MassKara festival had in mind when they launched it in downtown Bacolod in 1980.

That year, Negros Navigation's vessel Don Juan collided with a tanker and sank, losing some 700 lives. And the price of sugar, on which the province relied, was at an all-time low due to the introduction of substitutes such as high-fructose corn syrup.

To pull the people out of pervasive gloom, the local government, artists and civic groups decided to hold a week-long festivity culminating on the third weekend of October, closest to the 19th, to coincide with Bacolod's Charter Day celebration.

The festival's name is a compound of mass (as in "multitude," though one priest pointed out it originally referred to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass) and cara (Spanish for "face," "front" or "façade").

The coinage alludes, of course, to revelers, since the festivity principally consists of a Mardi Gras-like parade of people wearing masks fixed into a smile and dancing to Latin rhythms, concentrated along Lacson Street.

As Bacolod was known as the City of Smiles, its festival literally became a multitude of smiling faces, even amid crises. In this it fulfills the Jungian concept of the persona as public personality (not representing the inner personality of the individual).

MassKara came on the heel of Iloilo's Dinagyang, which started a few years earlier. At that time, the only nationally known festival in the Visayas was Aklan's Ati-atihan.

While the tribe festivals of Panay had throngs pulsating to the deafening rhythm of tom-toms and shouts of "Hala Bira!", Negrenses adopted the shimmying rhythm of dances to the tune of "Sige lang! Sige na!"

MassKara has since become the biggest tourism event of Negros, boosting the province's revenues while helping related industries such as souvenir shops, MassKara Country and Sugarlandia's related events.

From a simple celebration of the Mass followed by street dancing, it has expanded into a whirlwind of activities. Now it is vying with Ati-atihan, Dinagyang and Cebu's Sinulog as the premier festival of the Visayas.

Last month, the 29th MassKara festival was opened in Bacolod's public plaza by no less than President Arroyo. Grand-prize winners in tripping and performances were Rafael Alunan Elementary School, Barangay Pinto and Barangay Mandalagan.

Behind many of these masks you'll discern not merely a smile but what is almost a laughter. Because what you see is no longer a façade but happiness that is heartfelt.





Sunday LifeStyle



Quality and green-friendly shopping



AT THE Ayala Malls, clean design and aesthetics and beautifully landscaped gardens

Ayala Malls offers concierge-like information directory, plus environmentally-correct practices

By Rowena C. Burgos

AYALA MALLS LAUNCHES today its new TV commercial called "I Lov'emall." The ad features the architecture and landscapes of its malls: Glorietta, Greenbelt, Alabang Town Center, Ayala Center Cebu, Market! Market!, Bonifacio High Street and TriNoma. It also highlights the malls' world-class services and events and pioneering sustainable development programs.

Shoppers will find quality hotel-like concierge booths that offer assistance on store locations, merchant directory, event and movie schedules, restaurant and cinema reservations, call-a-cab services, flight and travel information and hotel bookings.

On the other hand, a roving concierge in Glorietta and Greenbelt provides assistance to customers who need help in finding stores and restaurant locations. "Like in hotels, we offer true-blue concierge services," says Cesar Jose Jovero, senior division manager. "If you look lost or struggling with your shopping bags, the roving concierge will help you."

The Ayala Malls' Mobile Concierge serves as your own personal Ayala Malls' assistant, with all the mall information you need at your fingertips. Meanwhile, the tech-savvy will be delighted to roll the malls their new home as Ayala Malls now offers free Wi-fi connection in selected areas.

For the physically impaired, Ayala Malls

QUALITY F2



GLORIETTA, Greenbelt and Market! Market! offer customers recyclable shopping bags.





PONDS are designed to harvest rainwater and use it to irrigate the plants.



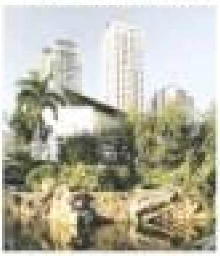
AYALA Malls introduces its latest retail destination, Glorietta 5.

Quality and green-friendly…

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Eco-friendly

Design awardee



A TOTAL of 640 existing trees were preserved during the redevelopment of Greenbelt Mall.



CANADA'S Ambassador Robert Desjardins and Honorary Consul Robert Lee in Cebu



Food and wine galore at Harvest Moon party



CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

New wine

Exhibit

Zonta Manila Christmas Bazaars



ZONTA Club of Manila I Foundation Inc.







Pink Sisters hold Eucharistic Congress; Dominican missionaries honored

PURELY PERSONAL



Josephine Darang

Eucharist promoters

Our Lady of Soledad

Women's conference

Abortion economics

Tribute to Dominicans



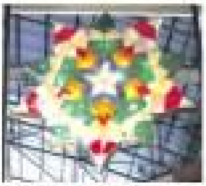




RP's mall culture attracts Vietnamese tourists

'We give them six hours for shopping, 'kulang'! So we give them the whole day'

Scooter city

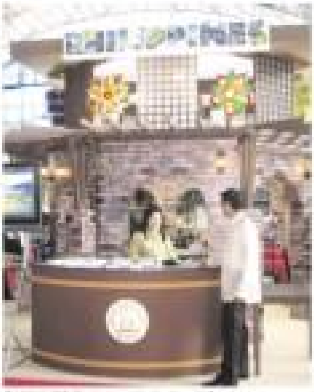




FILM SHOWING at Cu Chi Tunnel



DOT'S Gerard Tapalas and Rica Bueno, Tourism Undersecretary Eduardo Jarque, Sandra Dy of Holiday Tours, Inc. and Consul Gerry Pagkalinawan



CHARMING Philippine booth inspired by old Vigan houses

RP's mall culture . . .



AT THE War Museum



MUST-TRY pho, a tasty soup of egg noodles, beef and veggies



INTRICATELY designed lacquer ware souvenirs

From page B1

Vietnamese often go to China and Malaysia for shopping, Singapore for medical attention or education, Thailand for cosmetic treatments and South Korea to check out places they've seen in TV dramas. The Philippines wants to get its share of that growing market.

Third Secretary and Vice Consul Aleee Aragon said the Vietnamese are highly influenced by Western media (the entire Ho Chi Minh has free and fast Wi-fi, by the way). They are also into skin-whitening products, cosmetics and jewelry, said Vice Consul Nora Dubria.

The Philippines, a two-hour flight from Vietnam with 19 direct flights weekly from three airlines, projects a tourism boom from the country by 2010, with 2.5 million Vietnamese tourists expected to pour in.

A typical Vietnamese tourist spends US$80 a day on average and pays in cash. He or she isn't exactly a credit card fan.



MISS Earth 2007 Jessica Nicole Trisko gamely dances the tinikling with the Bayanihan Dance Company

Vigan-inspired booth

A total of 166 exhibitors from 11 countries participated in the fourth ITE, said Duong Kien Lin, project director of BB Exhibitions, one of the major organizers. Among those countries were Australia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, South Korea, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Qatar.

The Philippines got VIP treatment during the event, with a Philippine Night held to further strengthen relations between the two countries. A Vietnam-Philippines Friendship Day was also celebrated on Sept. 30.

"Vietnam promises to be an important travel market," says Rica Bueno, Team Asia-Pacific head. "There is a 38-percent growth rate from July 2008 from July 2007."

The Philippine booth in the ITE was a charming bahay-na-bato with capiz windows inspired by old Vigan houses, adorned with multicolor capiz parol and bright-laying chandeliers. It won the Best Decorated Raw Space Award.

Peace and order

One of the Filipino exhibitors, Sandra Dy of Holiday Tours Inc., was surprised at the overwhelming turnout.

"There were a lot of inquiries and the response was positive. Visitors usually asked about Cebu and Bohol, but some were also concerned about the peace and order situation in the Philippines," she said.

Aside from aggressive promotions, DOT has to work on the country's image, which is clouded by reports of kidnappings, rebel attacks and an unstable economy.

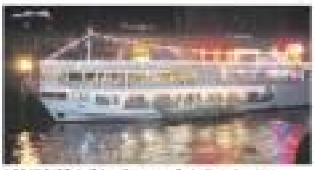
"We always tell them how far Manila is from Mindanao," said Jarque. He said he's confident that once tourists make that trip to the Philippines, the country would score high in tourists' comments.

Vida Candelaria of Crown Regency Hotels and Resorts noted the Vietnamese should be "courted" with reasonably priced trips, while Sedina Chang, general manager of Jevia Travel and Tours, said she fielded questions from Vietnamese onlookers about local handicrafts.

Traveling has become an Asian lifestyle, and with the right push, the untapped Vietnamese market would surely find fresh, sweet beauty in the islands—and malls—of Philippines.



HO CHI Minh City Hall



HOP ABOARD the Saigon Restaurant Cruise for authentic Vietnamese dishes, entertainment and a good view of the city.



Where to shop and learn history

LA ISLA FILIPINAS TOURS OFFERS AN easy-paced day tour of Taal, Batangas, a two-hour drive south of Metro Manila. Privately-owned 19th-century Spanish colonial and early 20th-century ancestral homes give tourists a glimpse into our country's colonial past.

Taal also prides itself with having the largest Catholic basilica in Asia. It is also known for hand-embroidered items called Barong Taal. There are also a lot of delicacies: suman malagkit, empanadang gulay, longganisa and tapang Taal. An interesting stop is where the balisong is made.

La Isla Filipinas' Heritage and Shopping tour will run on Nov. 29 and Dec. 13, with a 10-percent "early bird" discount. Call 436-0081/ 436-0092/ 0915-9268176.

Christmas gift for the family

FESTIVAL SUPERMALL CONTINUES its 10th anniversary celebration with lots of surprises. With "Everything 10", 10 mall patrons bring home prizes every month until December.

For this month, 10 Family Christmas Packages await 10 lucky shoppers. Every P1,000 purchase from any Festival Supermall tenant entitles a customer to join the raffle promo. So the more purchases you make, the more chances of winning in the monthly draw and grand raffle which gives out a condo unit at West Park Alabang.

As an additional incentive, every coupon filled up with a qualified purchase from the sponsor tenants gives you a chance to buy a limited edition Festival Supermall 10th anniversary umbrella for only P10.

So keep on shopping and put together your receipts from any of Festival Supermall's 580 establishments for a greater chance of winning any of its monthly surprises.

Festival Supermall is the premier shopping, dining, amusement and entertainment destination south of Metro Manila with over 600 specialty stores to choose from. Mall hours are from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Call 850-3314.

Holiday sale at LRI Plaza

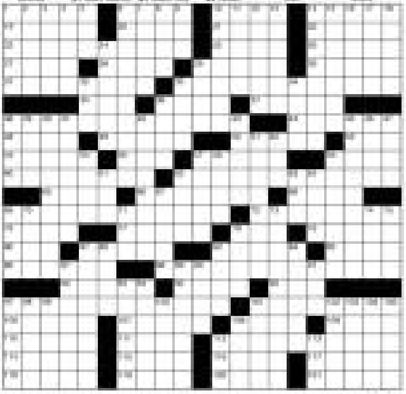
LRI PLAZA WILL HOLD A holiday sale on Nov. 19-28. Stores open from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

A design hub for upcoming and established designers of many disciplines, LRI Plaza is located at 210 Nicanor Garcia St. (formerly Reposo St.), Bel Air II, Makati City. It has a mix of over 40 showrooms and design-related enterprises.

Call Mandy Navasero at 899-1767/896-3398 and 0915-2280134.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — ETHEL WATERS



answer on page G4



SPENDING time with the kids of SOS Children's Village Iloilo and village director (in orange shirt)

PLANTING vegetables as part of SOS Children's Village Iloilo's family strengthening program



A capital idea

HSBC projects rescue seacows in Palawan and provides sanctuaries to orphans and abandoned kids in Iloilo





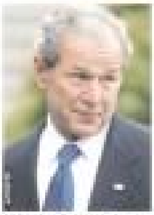
'Barbie and the Diamond Castle' tours malls

ENTERTAINMENT

Erik Santos gives back

ERIK SANTOS CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY RECENTLY WITH "ONE Voice, One Heart," a hospital tour around Metro Manila. He sang for the patients and gave them gifts. Said Santos, 26, "It's way of sharing and giving back." The tour included the Philippine General Hospital, Philippine Children's Medical Center, National Children's Hospital, Ospital ng Maynila, Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital, Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital, San Juan de Dios Hospital and Quezon City General Hospital.

CHEER FACTOR





ACTOR Josh Brolin (R), plays George W. Bush (L) in the upcoming movie "W.", directed by Oliver Stone. "Everything written about me is false—everything, good and bad," Brolin (son of James, who's married to Barbra Streisand) joked during an interview.

Brolin denies spat with stepma over Bush role

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

NEW YORK—TWO OF THE contenders for acting nods in the awards season are performing to rave reviews in Broadway.

Kristin Scott Thomas, brilliant as a woman who spent 15 years in prison and holds a deep, dark secret in the French film "I've Loved You So Long," is just as luminous as a fading actress, Arkadina, in Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull." Appearing with Kristin is another actor who also divides his time between films and stage roles: Peter Sarsgaard, who plays Trigorin, a successful writer and Arkadina's lover. But the one who matches Kristin's riveting performance and intensity is Mackenzie Crook as Konstantin, Arkadina's self-destructive, struggling writer son.

We've seen Frank Langella's towering achievement as Richard Nixon in "Frost/Nixon," director Ron Howard's film adaptation of the play by Peter Morgan ("The Queen"), which is considered a likely shoo-in for a Best Oscar nod. Frank joins the list of Best Actor contenders—Mickey Rourke ("The Wrestler") and Sean Penn ("Milk")—in his portrayal of the disgraced President who opens up about Watergate in a 1977 television interview with David Frost (Michael Sheen).

Last Thursday evening, we witnessed Frank's compelling turn as

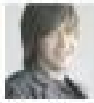
BROLIN F2

Ogie to perform with Ramiele and other 'Idols'

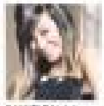
OGIE ALCASID PERFORMS with "American Idol" season 7 finalists Ramiele Malubay and Danny Noriega, first "Pinoy Idol" winner Gretchen Espina plus 11 finalists, and rock band Moonpie in "Ogie Sings with the Idols" Nov. 20 and 21 at the Aliw Theater, CCP Complex, Pasay City. The show is a homecoming for Ramiele and a reunion for the "Pinoy Idol" contestants.



OGIE Alcasid



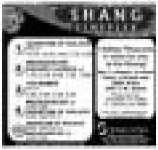
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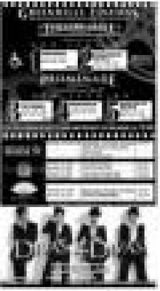


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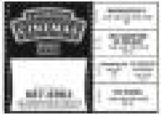


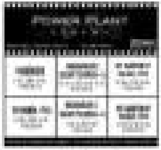
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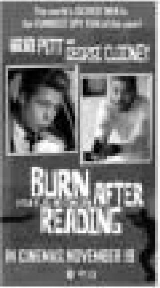
























Rihanna cancels Jakarta show, now in RP



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'Pinoy Icons'

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ENTERTAINMENT

Billboard's top 10 US pop this week

Baby bump is not the problem



VIÑA Morales



Perry mouth

Flagrante delicto

RUSHES SUNDAY

Confirmed!

Alcoholic anonymous

Narcissus, is that you?

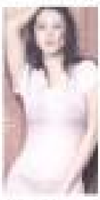
User-friendly Starlet

Take 'em off

Jill for coffee

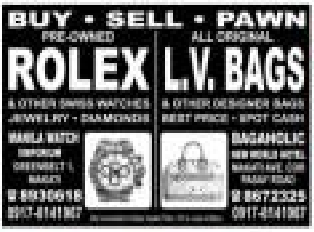
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Dealing with fame



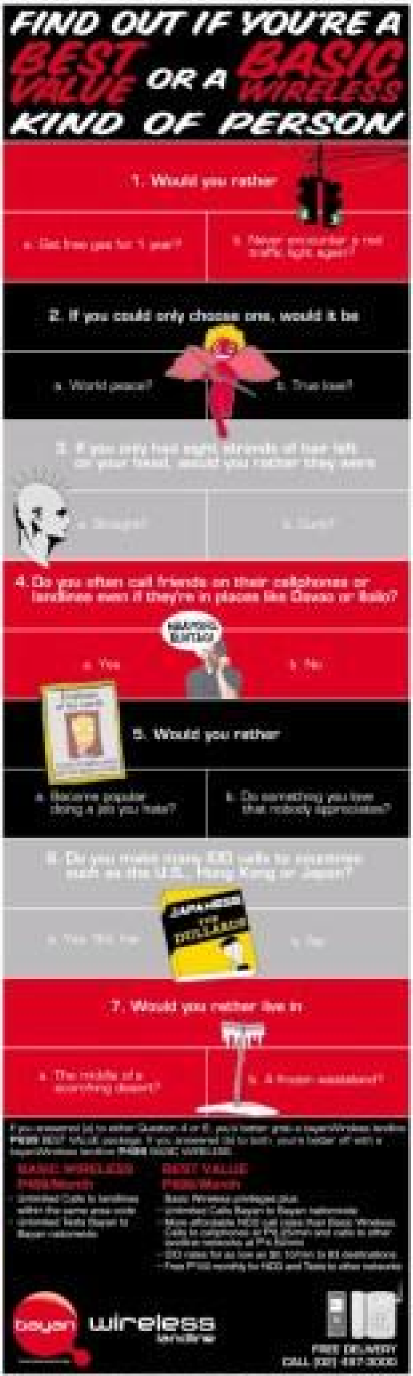
Gin girl

Watch it









SM Cinema movietime



METRO MANILA

RESERVED SEATS NOW AVAILABLE

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MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA	QUANTUM OF SOLACE	QUANTUM OF SOLACE
SEA MONSTER	MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA	
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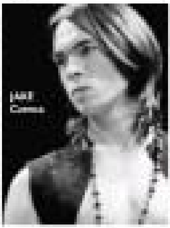
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The 17-year-old runner-up hopes all those votes on last season's "American Idol" parlay into album sales. His first single, "Crush," peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's Hot 100 and is a top download on iTunes.

"Idol" winner David Cook's album also comes out this month. Archuleta was asked if it feels like a competition all over again. His reply:

"It never really felt like a competition with Cook ... We're kind of in two different categories in the music world ... But I'm real excited for his album, too. I've heard a few of the songs and they sound great." AP

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Top of the tabloids

The top show biz stories in local tabloids this week. (And why we are moved, if we are moved.)

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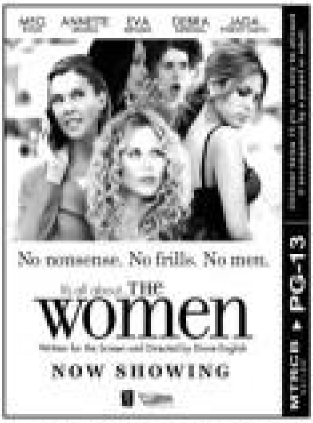
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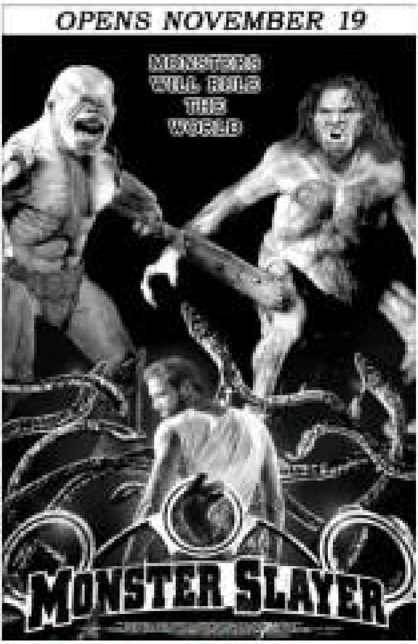
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